

Lake Erie Literacy Principles

- 1.** Lake Erie, one of the five Great Lakes, is a body of fresh water with many features.



- 2.** Natural forces formed and continue to shape Lake Erie and its watershed.



- 3.** Lake Erie influences regional weather and climate.



- 4.** Water makes Earth habitable; fresh water sustains life.



- 5.** Lake Erie supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.



- 6.** Lake Erie and humans in its watershed are inextricably interconnected.



- 7.** Exploration and understanding of Lake Erie is ongoing.



- 8.** Lake Erie is socially, economically and environmentally significant

Working together for a better Lake Erie

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Office of Coastal Management, ODNR Division of Wildlife - Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Ohio Sea Grant College Program and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission are developing a unified strategic plan for Lake Erie education and outreach. As part of this effort, the agencies identified a need for a place-based environmental literacy framework for Lake Erie. A project team initiated the development of this framework by adapting Ocean Literacy: The Essential Principles and Fundamental Concepts to Lake Erie.

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